tional Textiles Corporation is incurring losses;

(b) if so, what are the details of losses suffered by N.T.C. during the last three years;

(c) what steps have been taken by Government to improve the working of N.T.C. and recoup its financial position;

(d) whether capital restructuring of N.T.C. is under consideration of Government to recoup the losses; and

(e) if so, what are the details of such capital restructuring?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) the net loss suffered by the textile mills under N.T.C. during the last 3 years in given below:-

Year	Loss (Rs. crores)
1985-86	151.17
1986-87	214.00
1987-88 (Provl.)	266.43

(c) Recently, N.T.C. has formulated a strategy for bringing about a turnaround in N.T.C. which includes, among other things, amalgamation|restructuring of unviable mills, closure of uneconomic activities, selective modernisation with the help of institutional finance, upgradation of products and diversification, rationalisation of excess labour on the basis of voluntary resignation etc.

At present, Govt. is recouping the financial position of NTC by reimbursing the cash losses incurred by N.T.C. mills.

(d) and (e) N.T.C. has submitted a proposal to the Government for capital restructuring of NTC basically to restore the normal debt equity ratio of 1:1 against the existing ratio of 3:1 which is under examination of the Govt.

Freedom Fighters, Pension to those who were Minors during Freedom Movement

2564. SHRI M. KADHARSHA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have worked out a plan to sanction freedom fighters' pension to the persons who were minors and who had suffered or were imprisoned for two to six months during the freedom movement;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

TE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) There is no such plan.

(b) The question does not arise.

(c) Under the Swantantrata Sainik Samman Pension Scheme, a person whose age was even less than 18 years at the time when he underwent suffering for the cause of country's freedom can be considered for pension in he fulfils the criteria prescribed under the Scheme. It has, therefore, not been considered necessary to have any such plan.

Economic Offences against former President, NCCF

2565. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1585 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 10th May , 1985 and state:

(a) whether the Centralised Senior Assessing Officer of Income-Tax Department has since completed the in-depth investigation and finalised assessments pertaining to former President, NCCF; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the findings?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) and (b) The Chief Commissioner of Income-Tax Patna, has reported that investigation is being carried on in the pending cases of the Group which had been centralised with a Deputy Commissioner (Assessment) at Patna.

Loans to S.S.I. Units in Tamil Nadu

2566. SHRI G. SWAMINATHAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that medium and large scale industries in Tamil Nadu are being granted interest free sales tax loan at 20 per cent of fixed assets or Rs. 1 crore in a period of six years;

(b) if so the reasons for which small scale industries are being granted only 8 per cent of the value of fixed assets and Rs. 7.5 lakh in a period of six years; and

(c) whether Government will consider enhancement of the interest free sales tax loan to S. S. I. units by removing the disparity between these units and the large|medium Industries especially on the percentage value of fixed assets?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Evasion of Income-Tax by M|s. Ashoka Palace Hotel, New Delhi

2567. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that M|s Ashoka Palace Hotel, Shantiniketan, New Delhi and Ashoka Deluxe, Hotel, Saraswati Road, Karol Bagh have evaded income tax luxury tax and other taxes charged from guests during the last 2 years;

(b) if so, what are details of various taxes filed by the above hotels during the last 2 years; and

(c) what action has been taken against the proprietors of the above hotels for evading taxes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) It is reported by the concerned Commissioners if Income-tax that Ashoka Palace Hotel and Ashoka Deluxe Hotel are owned by M|s. Pal Mohan Construction Company and M|s. Rishi Gagan Construction (P) Ltd. respectively. Evasion of income-tax or any other direct tax by the said concerns during the last two years has so far not come to the notice of the income-tax authorities.

(b) and (c) In view of the reply to part (a) above, these do not arise.

Turn-over of Retail Outlets of NTC

2568. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) What is the number of retail outlets with the National Textile Corporation to push through the textile goods manufactured by the mills belonging to the National Textile Corporation as on September 30, 1988; and